IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for mounting a heavy machine to a support, the heavy machine defining a lower surface with front and rear mounting apertures extending therethrough, the system comprising:

a frame including first and second longitudinal members each provided with a U-shaped channel;

at least one cross member for operatively connecting the longitudinal members at a predetermined spaced relation generally corresponding to a distance between the front and rear mounting apertures of the heavy machine; and

at least one fastening element mounted to a respective U-shaped channel of each longitudinal member and ~~adapted for longitudinal movement relative thereto~~ configured to move therein along a plurality of paths extending transversely to one another~~, the one fastening member configured~~ for reception within a respective mounting aperture of the machine ~~and being adapted~~ to secure the heavy machine to the frame.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the at least one fastening element is adapted for pivotal, longitudinal and lateral movement relative to ~~the~~ a respective one of the first and second longitudinal ~~member~~ members to facilitate alignment with the respective mounting aperture.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening ~~member~~ element includes a fastening bolt, a washer and a coil spring mounted to the bolt, the washer having a width smaller than a width of the U-shaped channel of the first and second longitudinal members to allow the coil spring to move on a bottom of the respective U-shaped channel to a position wherein the fastening bolt is received within the respective mounting aperture of the machine.

Please add the following new claim:

5. (Newly added) A mounting system, comprising:

a machine having a lower surface with front and rear mounting apertures;

a frame configured to support the lower surface and provided with:

first and second longitudinal members each having a U-shaped channel;

at least one cross member configured to selectively adjust a distance between the longitudinal members and to connect the longitudinal members upon establishing a spaced relationship therebetween generally corresponding to a distance between the front and rear mounting apertures; and

at least one fastening element mounted to a respective U-shaped channel of each longitudinal member and configured to move therein along a plurality of paths extending transversely to one another for reception within a respective one of the front and rear mounting apertures to secure the machine to the frame.